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REF: USUN 256

1. BEFORE FINAL SESSION OF SC ON AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 26, BRITISH DELEGATION TABLED FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO DRAFT RESOLUTION REPORTED IN USUN 256 OF JANUARY 23. AN ADDITIONAL OP PARA 3, TO BE INSERTED BETWEEN ORIGINAL PARAS 2 AND 3, WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

"3. REAFFIRMS THE PRINCIPLES AND PROVISIONS OF ITS RESOLUTIONS 242 (1967) AND 338 (1973) AND DECLARES THAT NOTHING IN THE FOREGOING PROVISIONS OF TIS RESOLUTION SUPERSEDES THEM."

2. BRITISH MISSION TOLD US IN STRICT CONFIDENCE THAT PURPOSE OF TABLING RESOLUTION, WHICH NOT EXPECTED TO PASS, WAS TO PROVIDE BASIS FOR RATIONALIZING A BRITISH ABSTENTION ON THE RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE. IT QUICKLY BECAME APPARENT THAT THE PROPOSAL WOULD HAVE BROADER EFFECTS. SWEDEN AND JAPAN IN PARTICULAR HAD PLANNED TO VOTE YES AND TO EXPLAIN THAT THEY DID NOT INTERPRET THE RESOLUTION AS DEROGATING FROM VALIDITY OF SC RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338. THIS POSITION WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO SUSTAIN IF BRITISH RESOLUTION WERE PUT TO VOTE AND DEFEATED. MEETING CONVENED AT APPROXIMATELY 4:45 PM. PAKISTAN AMB AKHUND INTRODUCED NON-ALIGNED RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF COSPONSORS. UK PERMREP RICHARD INTRODUCED HIS AMENDMENT. AT AKHUND'S REQUEST, MEETING WAS SUSPENDED FOR MORE THAN AN HOUR WHILE NON-ALIGNED REVIEWED THE POSITION. CONFIDENTIAL

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3. THE NON-ALIGNED WERE INCENSED BY THE DISRUPTION OF THEIR PLANS. THEY HAD COUNTED ON 11 YES VOTES, ONE NEGATIVE VOTE (US), ONE ABSTENTION (UK) AND TWO NON-PARTICIPANTS (PRC, LIBYA). DURING RECESS, RECOUNT SHOWED THAT ITALY WOULD PROBABLY ABSTAIN IN ANY CASE, AND THAT SWEDEN WOULD IN FACT ABSTAIN IF BRITISH AMENDMENT WERE VOTED ON AND DEFEATED. THERE WAS SOME SPECULATION THAT JAPAN MIGHT

ALSO MOVE TO ABSTENTION COLUMN, LEAVING RESOLUTION WITHOUT VOTES FOR PASSAGE. HOWEVER, NON-ALIGNED OBTAINED FIRM REASSURANCES FROM JAPANESE THAT THEY WOULD VOTE YES REGARDLESS OF FATE OF BRITISH AMENDMENT. WE CANNOT CONFIRM A REPORT THAT LIBYANS SAID THEY WERE PREPARED TO MOVE FROM "NON-PARTICIPATING" TO YES COLUMN IF NECESSARY TO PROVIDE A CRITICAL NINTH VOTE.

4. NON-ALIGNED ALSO CONSIDERED POSSIBILITY OF OFFERING A SUB-AMENDMENT TO BRITISH AMENDMENT AS A MANEUVER FOR COUNTERING BRITISH MOVE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SUB-AMENDMENT WOULD HAVE STRENGTHENED BRITISH AMENDMENT TO MAKE IT SO ATTRACTIVE TO US AND EUROPEANS THAT IT WOULD PASS. AIM WOULD HAVE BEEN TO TRAP BRITISH INTO A YEST VOTE, THUS FURTHER ISOLATING U.S. THIS MANEUVER WAS ABENDONED, PERHAPS EVEN BEFORE IT BECAME CLEAR THAT NON-ALIGNED DRAFT WAS ASSURED OF NINE YES VOTES.

5. WHEN MEETING RESUMED, BRITISH SUB-AMENDMENT WAS PUT TO VOTE AFTER BRIEF DEBATE. (WE ARE REPORTING AMB MOYNIHAN'S EXPLANATION OF VOTE BEFORE THE VOTE BY SEPTTEL, NOTAL.) AMENDMENT RECEIVED 4 YES VOTES (UK, FRANCE, ITALY, SWEDEN), 2 NO VOTES (PRC, LIBYA), AND 9 ABSTENTIONS (US).

6. NON-ALIGNED DRAFT WAS THEN PUT TO VOTE AND VETOED BY U.S. VOTE WAS 9-1(US)-3(ITALY, SWEDEN, UK), WITH 2 MEMBERS NOT PARTICIPATING (PRC, LIBYA). TEXT OF U.S. EXPLANATION OF VOTE AFTER THE VOTE FOLLOWS BY SEPTTEL (NOTAL).
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